

APPLICATION NUMBER: WSCC/046/23
APPLICATION TYPE – COUNTY MATTER MINERALS

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2015**

To: Mr Nigel Moore
The Innovation Centre,
Vienna Court
Kirkleatham Business Park
Redcar and Cleveland
TS10 5SH

In pursuance of their powers under the above-mentioned Act and Orders, West Sussex County Council hereby notify you that they **REFUSE** the following development, that is to say:

The siting and development of a temporary borehole, well site compound and access road including all ancillary infrastructure and equipment (variation of condition 1 of planning permission WSCC/002/22 extending the permission by 24 months to enable the completion of phase 4 site retention and restoration) at Wood barn Farm, Adversane Lane, Broadford Bridge, Billingshurst, West Sussex

as shown on the application and plans submitted to this Council, for the following reasons:

Reason for Refusal

1.

- There is no demonstrable need to retain the site to carry out the appraisal of hydrocarbons at other sites.
- A significant period of time has elapsed since active exploration and appraisal on the site, and there is no demonstrable need for a further extension of time to restore the site. As a result, restoration would not take place at the earliest opportunity.
- Retention of the site in its current dormant state would not enable the extraction of minerals and, therefore, it has not been demonstrated that the development is essential to its countryside location.

Therefore, the proposal is contrary to Policies M23 and M24 of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (July 2018- Partial Review), paragraph 217 of the National Planning Policy Framework (December 2023), and Policy 26 of the Horsham District Planning Framework (2015).

Date: ~~21/03/2024~~

Signed: ~~Michael Elkington~~, Head of Planning Services

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THE NOTES IN APPENDIX A

YOUR ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE FOLLOWING NOTES.

THEY ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY AND DO NOT PRETEND TO SET OUT THE WHOLE OF THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU CONSULT A SOLICITOR IF YOU ARE IN ANY DOUBT.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

1 Appeals to the Secretary of State

- (a) If you are aggrieved by the decision of your local planning authority to refuse permission for a proposed development, then you can appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

 - (b) If you want to appeal, then you must do so using a form which you can obtain by contacting the Planning Inspectorate on 0303 444 00 00 or submitted electronically via the Planning Portal at <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/online/makeanappeal>. Your appeal and essential supporting documents must reach the Inspectorate within 6 months of the date shown on the Local Planning Authority's decision notice or, for 'failure' appeals, within 6 months of the date by which they should have decided the application.
- 2** Further correspondence about this application should quote the reference number at the top right hand corner of the form.